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25X1 1. [REDACTED] Talked to Bill Van Ness, Chief Counsel, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, regarding an Agency briefing of the Committee next week. Expanding on information contained in Chairman Henry Jackson's 30 November letter to the Director, Van Ness said:

a. He would expect the session to run perhaps 1 1/2 hours, with only 15 or 20 minutes of initial presentation and the rest of the time devoted to questions.

b. He does not expect questions on the technology of the petroleum industry, but we may be queried on not only the political and economic conditions of the oil producing countries of the Middle East, but foreign influences that impact upon these conditions, about other oil producing areas, i.e., Venezuela, and about the general energy situation in the Soviet Union.

c. We should be prepared for questions of a contingency nature such as where would Japan and Western Europe get their petroleum if their present Middle East sources became unavailable and what are the long-range prospects of present negotiations relating to petroleum generally.

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